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TEAM FLORIDA ANNOUNCES 2018 INDOOR HP ALL-STAR COACHES!

This year we have coaches representing nine different colleges and multiple volleyball clubs from across the Florida Region.

Eustis, FL – December 20, 2017 – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is proud to announce our 2018 Team Florida HP-All Star coaching roster! The Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star program allows elite youth and junior volleyball athletes both girls and boys to play for college coaches and represent the Florida Region at an international volleyball tournament each year called the USA High Performance Championships.

The 2018 championship tournament will take place July 24th-28th in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Team Florida will consist of four girl's teams and two boy's teams with the top athletes from the Florida Region. Below are the teams and their coaches for the 2018 season:

• Women's International Junior (WIJ)

- Head Coach Julie Darty (Jacksonville University)
- o 1st Assistant Anthony Cothron (Manatee Area Volleyball)
- 2nd Assistant Jeff Reavis (Ocala Power United)
- Technical Coach Jon Wong (Bradley University)
- o Training Coach Travers Green (University of South Florida)
- Girl's International Youth (GIY)
 - o Head Coach Adis Imamovic (Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Academy)
 - 1st Assistant Corey Sarubbi (Lynn University)
 - 2nd Assistant Cinthia Angus (Barry University)
 - o Technical Coach Semei Tello (OTVA Volleyball Academy)
 - o Training Coach John Alvarez (Florida Memorial University)
- Girl's National Youth (GNY)
 - o Head Coach Amanda Phelps (Lake-Sumter State College)
 - o 1st Assistant **Ore Pablos** (Lynn University)
 - o 2nd Assistant Angie Strickland (Tallahassee Juniors Volleyball Club)
 - Training Coach Pepe Ralat (Wildfire Volleyball Academy)
- Girl's National Select (GNS)
 - Head Coach Flavia Siqueira (Lynn University)
 - o 1st Assistant Giovanny Delevry (Winthrop University)
 - 2nd Assistant Daniel Eleutiza (OTVA Volleyball Academy)
 - o Training Coach Yamil Del Valle- (Florida Gulfside Volleyball Academy)

• Boy's National Youth (BNY)

- Head Coach Tom Snodgrass (Orlando Gold VBC)
- o 1st Assistant **Dexter Rogers** (OTVA Volleyball Academy)
- 2nd Assistant **Roger Peluso** (352 Elite)
- Training Coach Corey Marks (Johnson and Wale University)

• Boy's Regional Select (BRS)

- Head Coach Rob Holley (Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Academy)
- o 1st Assistant Ashley Schinzing (Orlando Gold VBC)
- o 2nd Assistant Jesus Montalvo (352 Elite)
- o Training Coach Jake Goldberg (Ocean Bay Volleyball Club)

In 2017, Team Florida dominated the USA Volleyball High Performance Championships taking home a total of four gold medals, one silver medal and one bronze medal. This was the first time that all Florida Region teams earned a medal in every division and the delegation hopes to repeat those results in 2018.

"We will have another lineup of very talented coaches for Team Florida in 2018"; commented **Steve Bishop**, President of the Florida Region and Director of Team Florida. "Each year the program attempts to identify and select the most talented athletes in the Florida Region to compete at the USA Indoor HP Championships and all of our returning Team Florida Head Coaches have made it to the medal stand in previous years with the teams that they have put together. Some of those coaches have been on the medal stand numerous times. We are very proud of our coaches and so grateful to our corporate partners (ASICS & Baker's Sports) for their outstanding support of Team Florida."

About USA Volleyball:

USA Volleyball is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States and is recognized by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Additional information on USA Volleyball can be found at: <u>www.USAVolleyball.org</u>.

About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves approximately 14,500 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball headquarters is located in Eustis, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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